

by using the intraframe detected in the intraframe detecting step without decoding all the frames comprising said moving image data;

6.4 means for storing the moving image data decoded by said decoding means on a frame unit basis;

means for performing an arbitrary editing on the images of the frame unit stored by said storing means; and

means for encoding the edited frame images.--

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#### REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13, 36-37, and 40-52 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 36, 37, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52 are independent.

Applicants have added new Claims 45-52 to afford themselves a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. The new claims are fully supported in the specification and Drawings, and are believed to be allowable over the cited art for the reasons to be developed below.

Claims 1-13 and 43-44 were rejected as being unpatentable over Bonomi and Nguyen for the reasons detailed at pages 2-7 of the November 6, 1998 Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse all art rejections.

Applicants submit that their JP '083 priority document was filed in Japan January 31, 1994, prior to

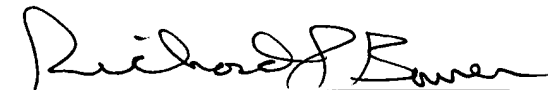
Bonomi's U.S. filing date of February 17, 1994. Applicants respectfully submit that JP '083 provides proper support for the pending claims, and thus antedates the Bonomi reference. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection has been overcome and the application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended the independent claims for clarity and not with respect to the cited art.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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